

Weekly Updates from Prez Hands: April 26, 2023
Sent On Behalf Of President Ashanti T. Hands



Hello Mesa College Community,

Weekly Updates from Prez Hands provide a brief overview of the exciting efforts taking place within our community. The updates are also a great way to tell our collective story of success, and to document our journey of becoming the Leading College of Equity and Excellence. Enjoy!

Office of the President Updates

Congratulations to Professor Manuel Velez for being elected as the new Vice President of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC)!

Today, as part of Black Student Success Week, VP Maxey and myself will host a Meet 'N' Greet with students this afternoon, from 3:00pm to 4:00pm, in room I4-202. I will also help close out the Statewide Black Student Success webinar series on Friday.

I will be speaking at and participating in the 38th Annual Linda Vista Multi-Cultural Fair & Parade this weekend. Mesa College has been a proud sponsor of this event since 2018, and we will have an outreach table this year as well. The parade will start at 11:00am on Saturday for all who wish to attend! There will also be a kids zone with a bounce house and face painting, and a teen spot with music, rappers, and dancing. The parade will take place on Linda Vista Rd, starting at Ulric street and ending at Comstock street.

A huge congratulations to the Women's Beach Volleyball team, the Women's Track and Field team, and the Men's Track and Field team, all of whom are Pacific Coast Athletic Conference (PCAC) Champions for 2023!

Office of Instruction Updates

VP O'Connor attended the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) Leadership Academy last week.

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Michael Frank, our new Instructional Lab Technician in Chemistry. Michael has his Ph.D from the University of California San Diego in Materials Science & Engineering, and a Masters in Bioengineering from San Diego State University. He is an alumni of Mesa College, and is happy to be able to start work as an ILT. Congratulations Michael!

Administrative Services Updates

VP Legaspi is attending the 2023 Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education (APAHE) National Conference this week. A student team representing Mesa and presenting on Kapwa and API are also

attending. The theme for this year's conference is *Amplifying Our Voices For Unity and Action*. Mesa has also sponsored a \$3000 scholarship for this event.

Student Services Updates

Stop by STAR TRIO (I4-308) to get your Opportunity Drawing tickets for up to 12 different gift baskets. All proceeds go to support the STAR TRIO Club activities and STAR TRIO Scholarships. View all of the cool baskets [HERE](#) and visit us at the STAR TRIO office, I4-308, for more information.

The Stand Basic Needs Resource Center is hosting a Scholarship workshop tomorrow from 1:30pm-2:30pm via Zoom (Meeting ID 919 0499 0674).

Campus Events

Black Student Success Week is this week from April 24-28, 2023. Please click [here](#) for a full list of events.

The Mesa Fashion Program's 2023 Fashion Redux held their gallery opening reception at the San Diego History Center last week. The exhibition will be up through mid-summer.

The Mesa College Music Department will host another Recital Hour this afternoon from 3:00pm to 4:20pm in room C-119, featuring the Bassett Bros. performing classical guitar.

Mesa College Celebrated Earth Day today. There were several booths at this event where students learned about the new "bee hotels" placed around the Mesa campus, e-bikes, worm composting, the Mesa Green pledge and more. Activities included building bat boxes, painting your own planter, and a movie tent.

The San Diego Mesa College 30th Annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony will be held this evening in the Mesa College Gymnasium.

The Black CommUNITY Cookout will take place tomorrow on the Quad from 11:00am to 2:00pm. This event will support and celebrate our students by building community with food, drinks, and games.

In the Know

To stay abreast of the latest news and to find out what's happening on campus, visit the links below.

- [Mesa College Newsroom](#)
- [Mesa College Events Calendar](#)

Best,
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